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Nels Holmgren Named Aging & Adult Services Director

Nels Holmgren has been named the new Director of Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services. Holmgren previously served as Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services Assistant Director.

"Nels is a strong leader," said Lisa-Michele Church, Executive Director of Utah Department of Human Services. "As Assistant Director he has demonstrated great legislative abilities, management experience and familiarity with aging services in Utah."

Holmgren has worked in the area of aging policy since 2006, when he became the Assistant Director, and has actively worked with county and non-profit partners to maximize available services. He is familiar with the needs of vulnerable adults in Utah and actively participates in addressing the needs of baby boomers and others as they turn 60. In his new position, Holmgren will be responsible for maintaining fiscal management in a tight budget environment, proper management of existing resources, maintaining and building community partnerships – especially with the Area Agencies on Aging, enhancing transportation and health care options for seniors and addressing Utah's aging population.

"I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve Utah's seniors," said Holmgren. "Over the past two years I have had the privilege of working closely with the Area Agencies on Aging and look forward to continuing to maintain and improve these and other important partnerships."

Holmgren has a Master's of Business Administration and has served on the Board of Utah's Urban and Rural Specialized Transportation Association, the Department of Human Services' Comprehensive Review Committee and various community-based coalitions and partnerships. Holmgren's appointment begins Monday, November 3.

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